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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the
County of Worcester,*

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, current, at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including an Agent and three Appraisers on the De-
vise of Moses Wallis to the Inhabitants of Douglas ; three School Committee for three years each, and one for one year ; two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years each ; and one Road Commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the Support of Poor, of Schools, for repairing School Houses, Highways and Bridges, for payment of Debts and Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, and Townways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for 1887, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, to fix said time and rate of interest.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

ART. 8. To determine the time when Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

ART. 9. To act on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and that the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ART. 11. To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund, (so called), for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in this town, the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To hear the report of any outstanding committee, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of Schools shall consist, and to see what compensation they shall receive.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the Annual March meeting of 1883, under the article 19 of the Warrant of said meeting, whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of the Statutes, and that we repair the Highways, Townways and Bridges the ensuing year by choosing three Road Commissioners.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars, each, for their services the ensuing year ; no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year, ending April 1, 1888, and all fines due said Company be deducted from said amount ; the above named sum to be drawn on the order of the Foreman of said Company.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize some one to sell and convey the Orison Hewitt place, willed to the Town for the benefit of the Town Library.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to proceed to collect, after Jan. 1, 1888, all taxes remaining unpaid at that time.

ART. 19 To see if the Town will appropriate, and raise by tax,

sufficient sums of money to buy a Fire Proof Safe for the use of Town officers.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House in Douglas Centre, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

E. N. JENCKES,	} Selectmen
C. KEITH,	
E. C. PARKER,	
E. MOORE,	
J. W. McMAHON,	
	} of
	} Douglas.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE MAR. 1886.

Grand Army Post,	-	-	\$150 00
High School,	-	-	1,000 00
Common Schools,	-	-	3,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	-	-	2,200 00
Depot Road,	-	-	100 00
Support of Poor,	-	-	2,500 00
Debt and Interest,	-	-	2,000 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	1,200 00
Repairs on School Houses and Purchase of Books,			500 00
State Aid to Soldiers,	-	-	300 00
Fire King Engine Company,		-	320 00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Douglas would herewith respectfully submit their report of the Town for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887.

310 orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Town to the amount of \$13,778.00 for the following purposes :

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

chargeable to contingent fund or appropriation.

TOWN CLERK.

Thomas H. Meek, services,	-	\$36 45	
Blanks, expresses and expenses,		9 07	
		<hr/>	\$45 52

TREASURER.

Walter E. Jones, services,	-	-	\$90 00
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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

E. N. Jenckes,	-	-	-	\$50 00
E. C. Parker,	-	-	-	50 00
Collins Keith,	-	-	-	50 00
John McMahon,	-	-	-	50 00
Edwin Moore,	-	-	-	50 00
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				\$250 00

BRIDGE VIEWERS.

Brigham Morse, services,	-	\$3 00
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ASSESSORS.

Stukley W. Potter,	-	-	\$67 00
A. F. Brown,	-	-	65 50
William Abbott,	-	-	50 00
			<hr/> \$182 50

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

Stillman Russell,	-	-	\$33 33
James Wells,	-	-	33 33
			<hr/> \$66 66

CONSTABLES.

Fred R. Caswell, posting warrants,	-	\$5 00
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Charles S. Caswell,	-	\$100 00
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TOWN SEALER.

H. A. Davis,	-	\$10 00
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SEXTON.

Edward Balcome,	-	\$20 00
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DAMAGES.

Charles F. Rawson, as per vote of town,	\$25 00
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REGISTERS.

M. M. Luther,	-	\$30 00
Collins Keith,	-	30 00
Thomas H. Meek,	-	30 00
		<hr/> \$90 00

LOCK-UP.

E. H. Leaver, care of tramps and paint and white-wash, - - -	\$40 80
E. N. Jenckes, supplies, - - -	29 93
A. F. Jones, wood, - - -	2 50
H Cook, repairing door and lock, - - -	2 00
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	\$75 23

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid members, as per vote, - - -	\$288 00
E. B. Knapp, supplies, - - -	2 50
A. F. Jones, coal, - - -	7 27
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	\$297 77

PRINTING.

C. J. Batcheller town and school reports, - - -	\$62 00
“ notices for assessors, - - -	1 75
“ reports for high school, - - -	5 00
“ order blanks and reports, - - -	4 75
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	\$73 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Grand Army Post, as per vote, - - -	\$150 00
Suel Logee, housing road scraper, - - -	4 00
Willie McMahon, team for state aid agent, - - -	1 50
A. F. Jones, coal and wood, - - -	65 55
John R. Thayer, services and costs in case of M. Roberts, - - -	153 00
Caleb Hill, on Oxford road, - - -	1 00
A. F. Brown, surveying and advice, - - -	6 00
“ valuation book, - - -	5 00
Edwin Moore, expenses in pauper cases, - - -	15 75
E. N. Jenckes, stationery, - - -	60
A. J. Thayer, fees in M. Roberts case, - - -	17 00
Suel Logee, stone post, - - -	3 00
E. C. Parker, team, - - -	2 50
Collins Keith, time and expenses pauper cases, - - -	14 10

Fred Lindebarry, repairs and services at farm,	\$53 00
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	\$1,977 58

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 252.)

Sylvester Chase,	-	-	-	\$58 00
Charles F. Balcome,	-	-	-	48 00
Charles C. Walls,	-	-	-	120 00
William S. Reynolds,	-	-	-	16 00
George Leach,	-	-	-	4 00
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				\$246 00

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 301)

Arena E. Chapman,	-	-	-	\$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	-	-	-	48 00
Lemuel C. Belding,	-	-	-	28 00
Wellington Balcome,	-	-	-	72 00
Theron H. Barton,	-	-	-	48 00
Dorris B. Young,	-	-	-	48 00
Henry C. Lamson,	-	-	-	72 00
Samuel Craggin,	-	-	-	30 00
Wellington Dore,	-	-	-	12 00
Charles Walls,	-	-	-	8 00
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				\$414 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Suel Logee,	-	-	-	\$949 84
N. S. Caswell,	-	-	-	836 96
William S. Jillson,	-	-	-	748 19
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				\$2,534 99

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

B. W. Aldrich, road tools,	-	-	-	\$5 05
E. N. Jenckes, lantern,	-	-	-	90

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Suel Logee, repairing tools,	-	-	\$15 62
Walter E. Jones, supplies,	-	-	13 67
W. R. Wallis, lumber, plank and railing,	-	-	222 90
W. H. Parker, plank,	-	-	62 47
B. W. Aldrich, spikes,	-	-	4 53
W. L. Church & Co., lumber and plank,	-	-	171 21
Comfort Thompson, plank	-	-	35 66
J. M. Aldrich, Dynamite,	-	-	8 00
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			\$540 01

SNOW ROADS.

William Jillson,	-	-	-	\$91 47
Suel Logee,	-	-	-	69 35
N. S. Caswell,	-	-	-	30 32
Henry A. Walker,	-	-	-	44 37
Orrin Chase,	-	-	-	7 05
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				\$242 56

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

B. W. Aldrich,	-	-	-	\$82 83
Albert Butler, rent of Citizens' hall,	-	-	-	100 00
T. T. Potter, paint,	-	-	-	14 56
B. A. Stockwell, repairs,	-	-	-	105 40
Stillman Russell, supplies,	-	-	-	204 66
Joseph Bowen, supplies,	-	-	-	19 85
Ira Wallis, organ,	-	-	-	25 00
Alfred Reynolds, carrying children to school,	-	-	-	12 00
Town of Burrillville, tuition,	-	-	-	4 80
Alfred Reynolds, wood,	-	-	-	11 00
Sylvester Chase, wood and cutting,	-	-	-	14 55
William Church, wood,	-	-	-	49 88
Walter E. Cook, painting school houses,	-	-	-	8 10
James M. Wells, kindlings,	-	-	-	1 50
A. F. Jones, coal and wood,	-	-	-	10 65
Perry Bryant, wood,	-	-	-	4 23
A. J. Thayer, slabs,	-	-	-	4 00
Walter E. Jones, supplies,	-	-	-	7 05
J. M. Aldrich, repairs and wood,	-	-	-	15 48
E. N. Jenckes, curtains. etc.,	-	-	-	3 00
Geo. L. Southwick, curtains. etc.,	-	-	-	5 16
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				\$703 70

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Stillman Russell, books,	-	-	\$406 67
“ purchasing agent,	-	-	25 00
“ truant officer,	-	-	5 00
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			\$436 67

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

C. S. Caswell,	-	-	-	\$90 00
M. A. Bowman,	-	-	-	740 00
Dora Russell,	-	-	-	231 00
Edith Alger,	-	-	-	77 00
Roxa A. Dawley,	-	-	-	238 00
Ella M. Parker,	-	-	-	231 00
Eunice F. Brown,	-	-	-	264 00
Ida M. Johnson,	-	-	-	231 00
Ida C. Wakefield,	-	-	-	154 00
Abbie Lapham,	-	-	-	297 00
M. E. King,	-	-	-	198 00
Kate R. Sibley,	-	-	-	99 00
Alice Neal,	-	-	-	330 00
Minnie Darling,	-	-	-	154 00
Ada E. Stoddard,	-	-	-	154 00
May Kimball,	-	-	-	231 00
Emmie J. Payne,	-	-	-	77 00
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				\$3,796 00

CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

-	-	-	\$156 43
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MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

S. P. Holbrook,	-	-	\$21 90
Levi White,	-	-	88 55
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			\$110 40

ALMSHOUSE.

J. O. Simpson,	-	-	\$194 35
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N. S. Caswell, corn fodder,	-	-	\$5 00
W. H. Loring, meat,	-	-	12 74
F. R. Caswell, meat,	-	-	18 95
W. R. Wallis, meal, etc.,	-	-	22 99
S. Rivers, blacksmithing,	-	-	3 30
V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	-	-	18 02
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,	-	-	121 67
Wm. Wellman, lumber,	-	-	11 22
Walter E. Jones, supplies,	-	-	66 20
Geo. M. Parker, as agent,	-	-	250 00

 \$724 44

OUTSIDE POOR.

Mrs. Randall Eddy,	-	-	\$35 00
Hiram Johnson for daughter,	-	-	53 00
Rufus Johnson for daughter,	-	-	48 00
Mrs. Jos. Laport,	-	-	16 00
Hector Pion and family,	-	-	168 45
Peter Jonson,	-	-	95 70
Mary Hughes,	-	-	53 00
Mrs. Alfred Duprey,	-	-	41 00
Mrs. McGloughlin,	-	-	11 50
Ellis Everett,	-	-	9 75
Rosana Conley,	-	-	65 97
Fanny J. Balcome,	-	-	48 00
Mrs. Goodboo,	-	-	29 00
Mrs. Kate Martin,	-	-	180 00
Mrs. J. McCormick,	-	-	114 00
Frank Carey,	-	-	195 22
Julius Gould,	-	-	156 00
Balcome children, Sutton,	-	-	77 00
Eveline Sprague,	-	-	147 50
Sylvia E. Wakefield,	-	-	40 00
William Metcalf,	-	-	32 00
Algier children, Milford,	-	-	11 00
John Bulgin children, Grafton,	-	-	26 00
William Gazette, for children,	-	-	10 00
Samuel Craggin boy,	-	-	2 25
Mrs. M. B. Knapp, Milford,	-	-	7 63
Mrs. C. F. Travis,	-	-	40 00
Samuel Craggin,	-	-	38 25
Samuel Laundry, child burial,	-	-	2 50

Peter Hughes,	-	-	\$47 75
Reuben Greene,	-	-	2 00
Gardner Nickerson, City of Chelsea,	-	-	26 00
William Algier, Uxbridge,	-	-	23 00
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			\$1,852 47

STATE PAUPERS.

Charles Gravlin,	-	-	\$88 65
Francis Jobin,	-	-	8 00
Mrs. J. Bean, assistance and coffin,	-	-	50 50
Joseph Taylor,	-	-	6 00
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			\$153 15

JOSEPH BOWEN, FOR COFFINS.

Peter Johnson,	-	-	\$8 00
Moses Hall,	-	-	10 75
Mrs. Greene,	-	-	11 50
Eli Sibley,	-	-	10 75
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			\$41 00

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous Expenses,	-	-	\$1,977 58
Military Aid, (Chap. 252,)	-	-	246 00
Military Aid, (Chap. 301,)	-	-	414 00
Highways and Bridges and Snow Roads,			3,317 56
High, Grammar and Common Schools,	-	-	5,092 80
Paupers from Almshouse,	-	-	1,852 47
Almshouse Expenses,	-	-	724 44
State Paupers,	-	-	153 15
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			\$13,778 00

E. N. JENCKES,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
C. KEITH,	
E. C. PARKER,	
E. MOORE,	
J. W. McMAHON,	

S. F. ROOT, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen further report they have settled with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows :

W. E. JONES, TREASURER.

		DR.
1886.		
March	1. Cash on hand,	\$2,947 38
"	19. Geo. Clark and Albert Daniels, tuition,	19 50
"	22. State Treasurer, Support of State Paupers,	9 48
Apr.	26. Town of Sutton,	27 78
May	12. State Treasurer, support of State Paupers,	54 00
"	12. " " " " Paupers,	37 99
"	12. Whitinsville Savings Bank note,	4,000 00
July	6. E. P. Heath, use of lock up,	50
"	17. N. H. Jones, Auctioneer's license,	2 00
"	26. E. H. Morse, " "	2 00
Aug.	21. State Treasurer, support of State Paupers,	20 07
Nov.	29. Albert Daniels, tuition to July 1, 1886,	6 00
Dec.	1. State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	136 73
"	1. " " National Bank Tax,	162 21
"	1. " " State Aid, (Acts 1879, Chapt. 252),	328 80
"	1. State Treasurer, State Aid, (Acts 1879, Chapt. 301),	366 00
1887.		
Jan.	3. County Treasurer, Dog Fund, 1886,	184 65
"	25. State Treasurer Income of School Fund,	177 26
Feb.	20. Town of Oxford,	4 00
"	22. Chas. Caswell, Collector,	15,303 92
"	28. Interest on Taxes,	17 82
"	28. Albert Daniels, tuition, Fall term,	6 00

Feb.	28.	George Clark, tuition, Spring term,	\$6 00
"	28.	Isaac F. Williams, tuition, Fall and Winter terms,	12 00
"	28.	Edna Houghton, tuition, Fall and Winter terms,	12 00
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			\$23,844 09

W. E. JONES, TREASURER.

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1886.			
Mar.	1.	W. E. Jones, Treasurer, Free Public Library, Dog Fund, 1885,	\$185 63
"	22.	Henry D. Wallis, interest on note,	13 40
"	29.	Mrs. Duprey, abatement tax, as per vote of town,	10 53
Apr.	20.	Clara R. Lawton, interest on note,	72 50
"	21.	M. M. Luther, " " "	10 00
May	20.	Clara R. Lawton, " " "	27 50
"	31.	Edwin Moore, " " two notes,	120 00
June	10.	State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ license fees, 1885,	306 50
"	16.	Sarah Richardson, interest on note,	31 63
"	16.	Mary Walker, " " "	17 66
July	26.	Insurance on Engine Building,	22 50
"	26.	Albert Butler, interest on note, 3 years,	105 00
"	28.	Edwin Moore, " " "	30 00
Oct.	4.	James W. Stockwell, Collector,	4 80
"	19.	Order abatement, No. 1,	12 42
"	25.	" " No. 2,	6 90
Nov.	1.	Retus Walling, interest on note,	65 70
"	1.	Suel Logee, " " "	120 00
"	10.	Order abatement, No. 3,	90
"	29.	Whitinsville Savings Bank note,	4,000 00
"	29.	" " " interest,	80 00
Dec.	4.	State Treasurer, State tax,	855 00
"	4.	" " Support State Paupers,	50 00
"	7.	Clara R. Lawton, note and interest,	565 25
"	18.	Order abatement, No. 4,	1 61
1887.			
Jan.	1.	W. E. Jones, Treasurer, Public Library, 1886, Dog Fund,	184 65
Feb.	3.	Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	3 04

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Feb.	3.	Order of abatement, No. 5,	\$2 07
"	8.	Town of Northbridge tax,	2 30
"	22.	County Tax,	782 00
"	22.	Discount on taxes,	68 83
"	22.	Order of abatement, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12,	90 29
"	28.	310 Orders from Selectmen,	13,778 00
"	28.	Uncollected taxes,	18 50
Mar.	1.	Cash on hand,	2,198 98
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			\$23,844 09

Note to Clara R. Lawton, for \$550. and interest has been paid during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Town Treasurer.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from State Military Aid, [Chap 252]	\$123 00
“ “ “ [Chap. 301]	414 00
“ Support of State Paupers.	54 00
D. Darling, damage to lockup,	10 75
Almshouse Establishment,	3000 00
Personal Property at Almshouse,	2026 68
Plank and tools on hand,	50 00
Road Machine.	150 00
New school books,	105 41
Fire Engine and hose,	725 00
Engine Building,	900 00
Lockup and School property,	5000 00
Improvements at Almshouse, 1886,	200 00
Cash on hand,	2198 98
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	\$14,957 82
Deduct Liabilities, - -	10,233 89
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Total Assets above Liabilities, -	\$4,723 93

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Mary Walker, - -	\$353 21
Retus Walling, - -	1,095 00
Henry D. Wallis, - -	600 00
Albert Butler, -	700 00

Sarah Richardson,	-	-	-	\$632 68
M. M. Luther,	-	-	-	200 00
Clara R. Lawton,	-	-	-	1,450 00
Edwin Moore, 3 notes,	-	-	-	2,500 00
James M. Luke,	-	-	-	300 00
Suel Logee,	-	-	-	2,000 00
Accrued interest on above notes	-	-	-	403 00
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				\$10,233 89

Annual Report

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

GEORGE PARKER, Superintendent.

DR.

Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1886,	\$1,650 67
J. O. Simpson, balance of salary,	194 35
S. N. Caswell, corn fodder,	5 00
Wm. H. Loring, meat,	12 74
F. R. Caswell, meat,	18 95
W. R. Wallis, meal &c.,	22 99
S. Rivers, blacksmithing,	3 30
V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	18 02
E. N. Jenckes, “	121 67
William Wellman, lumber,	11 22
Walter E. Jones, supplies,	66 20
George M. Parker, on account,	250 00
Interest on Real Estate,	180 00
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	\$2,555 11

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Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1887,	\$2,026 68
Cost of supporting Paupers at Almshouse, including	<hr/>

interest on Real Estate,	\$528 43
Exclusive of interest, - -	180 00
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	\$348 43

Whole number of weeks board of Paupers at Alms-house,	275
Cost of supporting Paupers per week, exclusive of interest,	\$1 27

	E. N. JENCKES,	} Overseers of the Poor.
	C. KEITH,	
	E. C. PARKER,	
	E. MOORE,	
	J. W. McMAHON,	
S. F. ROOT, Auditor.		

REPORT
 OF
SUEL LOGEE, AGENT
ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
 TO THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS.
 FOR THE
 Year ending March 1, 1887.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes, as follows :

1886.			
March 1.	Notes due the town,		\$14,245 00
	Accrued interest,		798 28
	Cash in hands of Agent,		504 35
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			\$15,547 63
Mar. 6.	Received of Albert Whipple, note and interest,		\$52 25
" 11.	Interest on Horace Batcheller note,		13 02
" 15.	" Allen Buxton, "		6 00
" 17.	" Margaret Stearns "		18 00
" 25.	" Lovell Southwick "		29 24
" 31.	" Mary Briggs "		24 00

Apr.	9.	Interest on Horace Batcheller note,	\$15 00
"	17.	Received on Peter Jarvis "	50 00
May	3.	Interest on John Labeau "	12 00
"	3.	" Mitchel Auger, "	18 00
"	8.	" Thos. Wixtead note, paid by James Wixtead,	12 00
"	8.	" William M. Putnam note,	25 50
"	28.	" Julius Rivers "	24 00
June	4.	" Amos Humes "	21 00
June	5.	" Rebecca Morse "	12 00
"	7.	" Chandler Titus "	8 10
"	15.	" Isaac Desotelle "	15 00
"	17.	" Mary A. Hilton, "	19 50
"	21.	" Philamen Mercier, "	30 00
July	2.	" Michael Roberts, "	30 00
"	24.	Received on Lovell Southwick "	175 00
Aug.	5.	Interest on Thos Remington "	12 00
Sept.	8.	" Joseph Labeau "	15 00
Oct.	1.	" Dennis Quinn "	21 00
"	11.	" Margaret Stearns "	18 00
"	13.	" Potter Bates "	9 00
"	18.	" Chandler Titus "	20 40
"	23.	Received of Rebecca Morse, note and interest,	204 63
"	25.	Interest in part on O. N. Thurber note,	10 00
Nov.	27.	Dema Allen note and interest,	293 07
1887.			
Jan.	19.	Interest on Joel Glover, note	12 00
"	22.	" Russell Peters "	15 00
Feb.	3.	" Phoebe E. Johnson, "	19 98
"	3.	" John M. Putnam "	7 50
"	3.	" A. F. Brown, "	30 00
"	3.	" Alvin H. Brown "	30 00
"	5.	" in part on O. N. Thurber "	8 00
"	10.	" on Vesta H. Balcome "	24 00
"	21.	" Mary J. Willis "	30 00
"	23.	" Mary J. Murphy "	30 00
"	26.	Interest on James Wixtead note, paid by John Fitzgerald,	24 00
"	26.	Interest on Chas. F. Rawson note,	12 00
"	26.	Interest in part on Pheobe Young note,	16 00
"	26.	Received of Patrick Dermody note and interest,	109 00

Feb.	28.	Interest on T. H. Barton note, paid by Louisa Jarvis,	\$12 00
"	28.	Interest on Louisa Jarvis note,	6 00
"	28.	" in part on Lovell Southwick note	9 00
"	28.	" " Pheobe Young "	4 00
"	28.	" on Charles Hilton note,	12 00
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			\$1,623 19

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

1886.			
Mar.	11.	Discharging mortgage,	\$ 54
Apr.	17.	Loaned Peter Jarvis,	250 00
		Recording mortgage.	1 00
June	4.	Loaned Amos Yates,	150 00
"	7.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
Aug.	2.	Paid tax on Devise,	227 18.
Oct.	23.	Loaned Rebecca Morse,	300 00
"	28.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
"	28.	Discharging "	25
Nov.	27.	Loaned Selina Casey,	350 00
Dec.	8.	" Mrs. Abbie Thayer,	300 00
"	10.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
"	10.	" "	1 10
"	10.	Discharging mortgage,	25
1887.			
Feb.	25.	Loaned John Fitzgerald.	100 00
"	26.	Paid Brigham Morse, Appraiser,	3 00
"	28.	" Orrin Chase, "	3 00
"	28.	Recording and discharging mortgages,	1 35
"	28.	Agent for services,	60 00
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			\$1,750 97

NOTES DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1887.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrued Int,	Prin.
Mar. 27, 1885.	Horace Batcheller,	\$12 03	\$217 00
Apr. 22, 1882.	Mitchel Auger,	15 40	300 00
Mar. 24, 1885.	Allen Buxton,	5 60	100 00

June 19, 1878.	Philamen Mercier,	\$20 92	\$500 00
Aug. 6, 1883.	Thos. M. Remington,	6 82	200 00
May 25, 1885.	Mary A Hilton,	16 48	325 00
Mar. 5, 1881.	S. H. Starr,	5 92	100 00
June 17, 1869.	Chandler, Titus,	7 53	340 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	do do	6 01	135 00
Apr. 1, 1871.	Margaret Stearns,	17 50	300 00
Oct. 1, 1883.	Dennis Quinn,	8 75	350 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	9 10	200 00
Apr. 9, 1884.	Horace Batcheller.	12 00	250 00
Apr. 30, 1885.	John Labeau,	10 00	200 00
June 14, 1876.	Isaac Desotelle, paid by Duvel,	10 60	250 00
Apr. 21, 1877.	Amos Humes, paid by Moses Martin and Joseph Geer,	19 78	350 00
June 4, 1883.	Joseph Labeau,	11 08	250 00
May 1, 1878.	Julius and Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
" 8, 1872.	William M. Putnam,	20 68	425 00
Apr. 21, 1870.	James Wixtead paid by John Fitzgerald,	10 30	200 00
Apr. 22, 1880.	Pheobe Young,	35 67	500 00
Jan. 23, 1879.	Louisa Jarvis,	6 62	100 00
May 13, 1874.	T. H. Barton, paid by Louisa Jarvis,	9 56	200 00
Mar. 21, 1868.	Charles F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
June 26, 1882.	Mary J. Murphy,	20 33	500 00
July 22, 1881.	Mary J. Willis,	18 17	500 00
Sept. 5, 1883.	Vesta H. Balcome,	11 58	400 00
Dec. 4, 1866.	Thos. Wixtead note paid by James Wixtead,	14 86	200 00
Apr. 24, 1869.	O. N. Thurber, paid by Eliza Williams,	20 30	300 00
Mar. 1, 1867.	John M. Putnam, paid by A. F. Brown,	6 37	125 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	A. F. Brown.	38 08	500 00
Apr. 19, 1880.	Pheobe E. Johnson,	22 20	333 00
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover, paid by Sarah Dufo,	2 79	200 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	Russell M. Peters,	7 95	250 00
July 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 42	500 00

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Mar. 26, 1870.	Rufus P. Johnson,	\$70 27	\$400 00
Feb. 18, 1886.	Charles H. Hilton,	40	200 00
Feb. 10, 1885.	Aaron Aldrich,	31 67	500 00
Jan. 8, 1879.	Mary E. Arnold,	12 00	50 00
Feb. 15, 1886.	Alfred & Mary Reynolds,	20 31	325 00
Feb. 20, 1869.	Simon P. Rawson.	60 83	500 00
Oct. 24, 1874.	Lovell Southwick,	5 70	175 00
May 18, 1875.	Ira T. Robbins, paid by Frank McCormick,	19 50	150 00
July 7, 1875.	James Mc Cormick, paid by Frank McCormick,	45 50	350 00
Nov. 27, 1886.	Selina Casey,	5 42	350 00
Oct. 23, 1886.	Rebecca Morse.	6 35	300 00
June 4, 1886.	Amos Yates,	6 65	150 00
Apr. 16, 1886.	Peter Jarvis,	10 46	200 00
Nov. 29, 1886.	Mrs. Abbie Thayer,	4 55	300 00
Feb. 25, 1887.	John Fitzgerald,	08	100 00
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		\$842 74	\$14,900 00

Notes due the Town March 1, 1887,		\$14,900 00
Accrued interest,	-	842 74
Cash on hand,	-	376 57
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		\$16,119 31
Value of Devise March 1, 1886,	-	15,547 63
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Net gain for the year,	-	\$571 68

Six new loans have been made during the year, making fifty-two in all, one for each week of the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SUEL LOGEE, Agent.

S. F. ROOT, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of Free Public Library.

		DR.
1886.		
Mar	1. Cash on hand,	\$174 27
June	1. Received of Librarian, fines and sales of catalogues,	2 57
Sept.	1. Received of Librarian, fines and sales of catalogues,	3 13
Dec.	3. Received of Librarian, fines and sales of catalogues,	2 71
1887.		
Jan.	1. Received of Town Treasurer Dog Fund,	184 65
Mar.	1. " Librarian, fines and sales of catalogues,	1 65
		\$338 98

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1886.		
April	2. Expense on books,	\$ 25
"	3. Expense of cleaning floor,	50
"	29. Books and express,	15 00
June	1. Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
"	10. New books and rebinding old books,	27 12
Sept.	1. Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
Oct	1. Express on books,	30
Dec.	3. Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38

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Dec.	31.	A. F. Jones, wood,	1 75
1887.			
Feb.	28.	Expense of getting in wood,	25
Mar.	1.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
	1.	By balance in hands of Treasurer,	286 29
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			\$368 98

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number recorded in 1886,	-	-	41
males,	-	24	
females,	-	17—	41
children of native parentage.	-	26	
“ foreign “		15—	41

MARRIAGES.

Number recorded in 1886,	-	-	20
Parties resident in Douglas,	-	30	
“ “ elsewhere,	-	10—	40
First marriage,	-	37	
Second “	-	2	
Third “	-	1—	40
Average age of groom,	-	-	26½
“ “ bride,	-	-	22½
Native born,	-	-	28
Foreign “	-	-	12

DEATHS.

Number recorded in 1886,	-	-	38
males,	-	20	
females,	-	18—	38
Average age,	-	-	34
Number of persons above 80,	-	-	4
“ “ between 60 and 70,	-	-	7

DOGS REGISTERED.

Number registered,	-	-	-	109
Males,	-	-	-	106
Females,	-	-	3—	109

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

During the past year the Commissioners have built six large bridges, five of which have been built of Chestnut, and one at Gilboa of South Carolina Yellow Pine ; also have covered several others.

On Gilboa bridge the cost of labor, spikes, iron and breaking stone,	\$112 78
Lumber, @ \$30.00 per thousand,	185 00
	\$297 78

1165 feet of Yellow Pine on hand.

1 Bridge above Jesse Sweet ; 1 bridge at J. T. Wallis ; 1 bridge at Gouldville ; 2 bridges at Tassletop ; 1 bridge re-covered at Lovett Mill ; 1 new bridge at Albert Whipple's.

Have paid Mr. Rixford for 4 horses, and one man to work Road machine. \$10.00 per day.

For double team, pair horses and man, \$3 50 per day.

Single “ one horse and man,	2 75 “ “
One man, - - -	1 50 “ “
One boy, - - -	75 “ “
Commissioners, - - -	2 00 “ “

EXPENSES ITEMIZED.

REPORT OF SUEL LOGEE.

Will Rixford, labor on road machine, \$65 00	William Pillion, \$35 40
A. F. Jones and team, 87 45	Chas. Cadlen, 22 65
George Manahan and team, 44 10	John Butler, 9 45
A. J. Thayer and team, 5 25	Willard Whipple, 4 82
E. T. Thayer and team 10 50	Samuel Craggin, 29 40
Mason Brown " " 15 00	Edgar Parker, 2 00
Jas. Wixtead " " 59 43	John Fuller, 2 00
W. H. Walker " " 27 00	Mr. Allen, 9 00
Wm. D. Jones team and boy, 9 00	B. Bowdo, 4 50
W. Young and team, 17 00	Frank Bowdo, 4 50
E. Paine " " 7 00	Wm. Lapan, 4 50
Jesse Chase " " 16 44	Greenleaf Brown, 6 00
O. F. Chase " " 15 75	Edward Young, 1 50
Collins Chase and team 5 25	H. W. Jones, 6 00
Henry Chase " " 6 00	Mr. Jacobs, 6 00
Edrastus Chase, 6 00	N. H. Jones, 75
A. Chase and team, 12 15	Timothy Wixtead, 21 75
Douglas Axe Co. labor on arch bridge, 10 00	Waldo Smith, 6 00
L. Lovely, 1 50	Aaron Aldrich, 4 50
Benj. Lovely, 34 65	H. N. Logee, 17 50
Basil Ethur, 4 50	Chas. Jenkins, 1 70
Hiram Smith, 13 95	Suel Logee, services 186 00
Chas. Blue, 28 50	do do team, 15 00
Caleb Hill, 52 50	
	\$954 84
	Cr. by old plank, 5 00
	\$949 84

REPORT OF WILLIAM S. JILLSON.

W. Rixford, for four horses and 1 man's labor on road ma- chine, \$100 00	and team, \$14 00
A. J. Dudley and team 27 12	M. M. Wallis and team 8 75
Joseph A. Richardson	M. M. Wallis, gravel, 3 00
	James R. Peters, 4 50
	W. B. Mowry, 19 50
	Lewis Titus, 1 50

Jesse B. Thompson,	\$46 35
G. H. Dudley,	45 65
Putnam Dudley,	30 90
Silas Dudley, oxen and cart,	12 54
Frank Mayar,	4 50
Frank Wellman and team,	59 05
Darius Heath	2 25
Geo. M. Wallis,	19 90
Geo. Brown,	6 30
James M. Parker and team,	8 25
Edwin Parker,	4 27
John Flagg,	7 80
Danbridge Dudley,	12 00
W. J. H. Dudley, spikes	2 56
Levi Stoddard,	3 60
Plank for sluiceway,	4 00
Dynamite,	6 00
Fuse and caps,	2 60

Sharpening picks, drills and bars,	\$3 00
H. D. Wallis,	51 37
Nelson Dudley,	6 00
Chas. Dudley,	3 07
Rufus Dudley,	3 37
Geo. Fairfield,	3 75
Harley Brown,	3 75
Potter M. Bates,	3 00
David Keith,	1 50
Edgar Parker,	24 95
C. W. Brown, making drills & sharpening picks,	2 00
Retus Walling,	5 96
William S. Jillson, for services,	166 00
Wm. S. Jillson, team,	43 75
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REPORT OF N. S. CASWELL.

N. S. Caswell,	\$120 00
W. S. Reynolds,	78 75
E. G. Paine,	3 00
David Caswell,	41 25
E. T. Thayer, team,	22 75
N. S. Caswell, single and double team,	124 10
A. Fitts double team	45 80
F. Allen, team,	57 13
A. J. Thayer, team,	16 00
Chas. Scribner,	12 00
Geo. Casey,	31 20
S. Mowry,	61 50
John Mayo,	33 75
C. Bruno,	19 50
C. Potter, team,	6 88
John Hughes,	75

P. Hughes,	\$ 75
R. Bruly,	1 50
Ed Ray,	6 00
M. Hubert,	3 00
Caleb Hill,	16 35
G. Manahan,	17 30
A. F. Brown, ox team,	3 50
R. Jackson,	6 00
E. J. Woodard,	13 35
J. Wixtead,	2 70
M. Brown, and team,	6 30
Peter Scott,	3 30
J. Chollar, gravel,	2 00
N. S. Caswell, "	5 00
Stone tools,	4 00
D. Buffum, stone,	1 00
Powder,	1 00

Repairs,	\$ 50	Octave Bellavance,	
C. Dudley, as per bill	7 80	stone breaker, @ 1.75	
Arthur Chebôt, as per		per day.	\$21 88
bill,	6 65	Plank,	90
N. G. Dudley, as per		Railing,	1 60
bill,	23 17		<hr/>
W. E. Jones,	11 05		\$840 96

Respectfully submitted,

SUEL LOGEE,	}	Road Commissioners.
N. S. CASWELL,		
WILLIAM S. JILLSON,		

LIST OF JURORS,

SELECTED BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TOWN, MARCH 26, 1886.

S. W. Potter.
George Gleason.
E. C. Esten.
A. F. Jones.
A. J. Dudley.
Nelson Emmons.
N. H. Jones.
James M. Parker.
Brigham Morse.
Daniel Mix.
John M. Rawson.
Lucius Whipple.
Willard Whipple.
Charles Mercier.
Stillman Russell.

B. W. Aldrich.
J. A. Richardson,
Chas. S. Caswell.
Elbridge Paine.
William Rixford.
Collins Keith.
William Jillson.
William McMahon, Jr.
Jonas Oakes.
W. E. Cook.
George Wallis.
Walter Parker.
Charles Potter.
N. S. Caswell.
Cornelius Emmons.

E. N. JENCKES,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
C. KEITH,	
E. C. PARKER,	
E. MOORE,	
J. W. McMAHON,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1887.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1887.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1886-87.

REV. JAMES WELLS,	Term expires March 1	1887
C. S. CASWELL,	" " "	1887
EDWIN MOORE,	" " "	1887
JAMES W. SMITH,	" " "	—
NOAH H. JONES,	" " "	1888
CHAS. W. POTTER,	" " "	1888
LEVI WHITE, M. D.	" " "	1889
EDWIN C. ESTEN,	" " "	1889
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	" " "	1889

Organized, { EDWIN MOORE, Chairman.
C. S. CASWELL, Clerk.

JAMES WELLS, }
S. RUSSELL, } Superintending
N. H. JONES, } Committee.

STILLMAN RUSSELL, }
JAMES W. SMITH, } Truant Officers.

TEACHERS :

M. H. BOWMAN,
ABBIE M. LAPHAM.
DORA S. RUSSELL.
MAY F. KIMBALL.
E. ALICE NEAL.
EDITH I. ALGER.
IDA E. WAKEFIELD.
EMMIE J. PAINE.

ADA C. STODDARD.
EUNICE B. BROWN.
EMILY A. KING.
IDA M. JOHNSON.
ELLA M. PARKER.
ROXA A. DAWLEY.
MINNIE DARLING.
KATE R. SIBLEY.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1886, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	409
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	428
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	264
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	4
“ “ “ “ over 15 “ “	39
“ “ “ “ between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	228
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	106 m 10 days
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	8 $\frac{2}{3}$
Number of female teachers,	15
“ male “	1
Average wages paid female teachers per month,	\$30 58
“ “ “ male “ “	80 00
Appropriation for public schools, by the town, March 1, 1886,	\$4,000 00
Balance unexpended last year,	1,144 72
State School Fund,	177 26
Town School Fund, (interest,)	56 48
Repairs and purchase of books,	500 00
Total,	\$5,878 10

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers wages, - -	\$3,796 00
Rent of High School room, -	100 00
Supplies, - -	102 79

Permanent repairs,	-	\$296 67	
Truant officers,	-	5 00	
Care of rooms,	-	156 43	
Purchasing agent,	-	25 00	
School books,	-	444 16	
Carrying scholars to school,	-	12 00	
Town of Burrillville, for tuition,	-	4 80	
Organ for Grammar school,	-	25 00	
Fuel &c.,	-	125 00	
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		\$5,093 80	
New books on hand,		105 41	
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Cost of schools for year 1886,			\$4,988 39
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Balance unexpended March 1, 1887,			\$889 71

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—M. H. BOWMAN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	13	15	12
Wages per week,	\$20	\$20	\$20
Whole number of scholars,	42	36	33
Average attendance,	38	32	26

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—E. ALICE NEAL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$10	\$10	\$10
Whole number of scholars,	25	27	26
Average attendance,	20	20	21

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SCHOOL No. 1.

Teachers— { EMILY A. KING, Spring and Fall.
 { KATE R. SIBLEY, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars.	40	42	36
Average attendance,	34	34	27

SCHOOL No. 2.

Teacher,—ROXA A. DAWLEY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	11	14	8
Average attendance,	7	11	4

SCHOOL No. 3.

Teacher,—DORA S. RUSSELL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	43	45	38
Average attendance,	28	35	28

SCHOOL No. 4.

Teachers,—ELLA M. PARKER.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7

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Whole number of scholars,	13	16	14
Average attendance,	11	15	11

SCHOOL No. 5.

Teacher,—MINNIE DARLING.

	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	7	7
Average attendance,	5	4

SCHOOL No. 7.

Teachers { EDITH J. ALGER, Spring.
 { ADA C. STODDARD, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	16	12	14
Average attendance,	10	8	9

SCHOOL No. 8.

Teachers { IDA E. WAKEFIELD, Spring and Fall.
 { EMMIE J. PAINE, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	12	10	9
Average attendance,	9	8	6

SCHOOL No. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—MAY F. KIMBALL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	46	63	62
Average attendance,	32	42	45

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—ABBIE M. LAPHAM.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	27	27	33
Average attendance,	19	19	21

SCHOOL No. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—IDA M. JOHNSON.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks.	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	32	50	45
Average attendance,	21	33	29

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—EUNICE B. BROWN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	19	22	24
Average attendance,	14	17	16

REMARKS.

In making our report, the small space allotted to us will allow us but a few remarks, either of criticism or suggestion. Neither teachers, parents nor School Committee can of themselves make good schools. There must be the combined efforts and influence of all.

Considering all the circumstances, we think our schools the past year, will compare favorably with the schools of like grade, in other towns around us. Yet there is room for improvement in all, in some things ; and one is, in greater regularity in attendance. The want of this is the greatest hinderance to the greatest success in some of our schools ; and the most discouraging to the teachers, as well as most injurious to the scholars. It even affects the whole school. Some parents do not seem to be fully aware of the harm done to their children by permitting them to remain at home—or keeping them there when duty to them requires that they should be at school.

Another detriment to some of our schools is that they are so small. And this certainly is not the fault of teachers or committee. For any teacher would rather teach twenty scholars than five or six. It is not well for the school. It is impossible for any teacher to inspire as much enthusiasm in a school of six or eight as in one of twenty or thirty ; or, in a class of one as in a class of eight or ten. Yet it is an evil difficult to remedy. And it costs as much to support a school of six or eight, as one of twenty or more, for those living in such districts need as good teachers as those who are in the larger districts ; and any good teacher would prefer the larger school. Yet, for the present, there seems to be no way of uniting the schools without an equal expense or great inconvenience to the scholars.

In some of our schools there has been a marked improvement in penmanship—a very important branch of common school ed-

ucation. which has been too much neglected on the part of some teachers. It cannot now be for the want of proper material. Experience, we think, has proved the value of the law regarding instruction in Hygiene and Physiology in all our schools, and there is no one study in which the scholars,—even the quite young seem more interested ; and perhaps there is none which, in all respects, will prove more beneficial.

We think experience has also proved the wisdom of the law for the free supply of books and other school supplies. All our schools are now supplied with good desks and our school houses are in such condition that the repairs for the coming year will be comparatively small.

In the High School, we believe Mr. Bowman has been an efficient and faithful teacher as well as a good disciplinarian. At his suggestion, and through his aid, a course of study has been arranged and adopted which, we doubt not, will add much to the success of the school. So far as we know there has been a hearty co operation of the patrons with the teacher in the endeavor to make the school what it should be. And in order to this it is very necessary to maintain a Grammar school of high grade, that those entering the High school, may be well fitted to enter upon its course of study.

We close our report with the following recommendations :

For support of schools, \$3,000.00 ; Free text books and repairs, \$500.00 ; High school, \$1,000.00.

EDWIN MOORE,	} School
JAMES WELLS,	
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	
N. H. JONES,	
	Committee
	of
	Douglas.

